SI. No.	States/UTs	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
29.	West Bengal	4,089.180	3,473.760	847.940
30.	A&N Islands	36.360	22.070	22.404
31.	Chandigarh	75.516	31.806	0.300
32.	D&N Haveli	7.140	6.650	4.808
33.	Damen & Diu	9.420	8.900	1.020
34.	Lakshadweep	3.360	3.698	3.660
35	Pondicherry	13.200	50.050	30.990
	TOTAL:	44,353.332	30,282.763	11816.065

Regulation of procurement of foodgrains

3436. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would regulate procurement of wheat and other cereals being done by private traders in view of inflation rising to 5 per cent;

(b) if so, what mechanism is in place to check hoarding by these traders;

(c) whether Government has also stopped export of rice and other grains to ensure food security; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) As per the present policy the farmers have the option to sell their produce of wheat and other cereals to FCI/State Agencies at Minimum Support Price (MSP) or in the open market, as is advantageous to them. This ensures remunerative prices to the farmers. However, a notification titled "Wheat (Stock Declaration by Companies or Firms or Individuals) Order 2008" has been issued which provides that private parties who purchase wheat beyond 10,000 tonnes during 2008-09 shall furnish return to Secretary (Food), of the State from where maximum quantity has been purchased, while a return for purchase of wheat beyond 25,000 tonnes is required to be furnished to the Central Government. Similarly a notification titled "Rice (Stock Declaration by Companies or Firms or Individuals) Order 2007" has been issued which provides that any private party which purchases paddy (in terms of rice) or rice beyond 10,000 tonnesduring Kharif Marketing Season 2007-08 shall furnish a return to the Secretary (Food), of the State from where maximum quantity has been purchased. In case the purchase of paddy (in terms of rice) or rice exceeds 25,000 tonnes (throughout the country) the return is to be filed with the Central Government. Funher Department of Consumer Affairs has issued orders enabling State Governments to impose stock limit on wheat, rice pulses, edible oils and edible oilseeds to check hoarding.

(c) and (d) Export of non-basmati rice on private account has been banned. Export of wheat on private account has already been banned by the Government till further orders. Export of rice, wheat and wheat products from the Central Pool is also banned till further orders.